<u>Union County</u>

1. **What does educational achievement mean to our community?**
   - Helping all children reach their potential
   - Economic / quality of life
   - Economic Success
   - Attracting businesses
   - Retaining businesses
   - Increase in home sales
   - Increase in pride in community
   - Competency in work force
   - Better able to react to outside world
   - Accountability
   - Increased family values

2. **What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)**
   - Expansion of the arts- whole child
   - Technology- science
   - Bring neighborhoods into the school
   - Accommodating learning styles of all children
   - Literacy courses for parents
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   Strengths:
   - Teachers
   - Administrators
   - Community spirit
   - Location
   - Maintenance staff
   - Common values
   - Desire to improve
   - Care for their children
   - Parenting programs
   - Early literacy for pre-school
   - Motivational strategies
   - Best practices clearing house
   - Multi-cultural day
   - Neighborhood pride
   Challenges:
   - How others perceive our community
   - Buildings
   - Low aspirations
   - Minimal arts
   - Parent involvement
   - Narrow horizons
   - Trust
   - Equitable Funding
   - Volunteerism

- Social and mental development

3. **What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**
   - After school tech programs
   - YMCA
   - Carnegie library/ Dolly Parton
   - Hospital/ career tech
   - Tutoring
   - Business partnerships
   - Civic clubs
   - Foundations
   - One stop centers
   - Scholarships
   - Intergenerational tutoring
   - Academic booster clubs

4. **What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**
   - Teach children right from wrong
   - Turn off the TV
   - Read to them
   - Good Neighbors
   - Ownership
   - Family literacy programs
   - Home visits
   - Mentoring